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For:	DANNER PIPE		

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Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This reply is to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 22, 2009 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the restriction requirement expires on January 22, 2010.

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, the subject matter in Group I – Claims 1-5 and 14-26, drawn to a mandrel comprising a self supporting metal material jacket, and elect set A(1) an inner self support structure comprising a thrust or annular ring and elect B(1) where the metal material is a PGM material. Applicant specifically reserves the right to pursue the claims and species not elected in one or more divisional applications.